

Official Reports

Bridgewater

New Hampshire



For Year Ending December 31, 1948

ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer

Road Agents, School Board,

and Other Officials

— OF THE —

Town of Bridgewater

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

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TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

ELIZABETH P. POLLARD

Selectmen

HOLLIS L. POLLARD EVERETT E. ATWOOD

LEE E. HORSMAN

Treasurer

INA M. ATWOOD

Tax Collector

EDWARD G. MELLUS

Road Agent

JOHN L. JENNESS

Fire Warden

EVERETT E. ATWOOD

Police Officer

DELMORE BUCKLIN

Supervisors

ELMER WISER

JANE COOK

MARIETTA GILPATRIC

Trustees of Trust Funds

HARRY SMITH

JOSEPHINE FLETCHER

FRANCIS CLEMENT

Library Trustees

EDNA L. LeBEAU

JESSICA WATROUS

JOSEPHINE FLETCHER

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Grange Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Selectman for 3 years and all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to determine the rate of pay for the Supervisors of Checklists, Ballot Clerks, Moderator and Police Officer.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for General Government, and appropriate same.

4. To see if the Town will adopt the Non-Partisan Ballot.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$343.28 for Class 5 Highways T. R. A., and the State will contribute \$1,373.11.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Class 5 Highways and Bridges. (Town Roads).

7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow Removal and Winter Sand.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72.00 for the Lakes Region Association.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26.00 for the Newfound Region Association.

10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Home Day.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for Fire Protection.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Old Age Assistance.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Blister Rust Control.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15.00 for Memorial Day.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for a Town Dump.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the Plymouth Hospital.

17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to reduce the general deficit.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30.00 for Libraries.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and deliver inventory blanks when assessing.

20. To transact any further business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

HOLLIS L. POLLARD,
EVERETT E. ATWOOD,
LEE E. HORSMAN,
Selectmen of Bridgewater

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HOLLIS L. POLLARD,
EVERETT E. ATWOOD,
LEE E. HORSMAN,
Selectmen of Bridgewater

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	
Town Hall	\$ 1,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	80.00
Libraries and Equipment	200.00
Fire Department	300.00
Highway Department equipment	4,000.00
Schools, land, buildings and equipment	3,200.00
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	\$ 8,980.00

Certificate

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HOLLIS L. POLLARD,

EVERETT E. ATWOOD,

LEE E. HORSMAN,

Selectmen of Bridgewater

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the
Ensuing Year January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenues, Ap-
propriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year
January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948.

Sources of Revenue

	Actual 1948	Estimated 1949
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax \$	93.87	\$ 93.36
Railroad Tax	11.00	
Savings Bank Tax	123.66	125.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	97.72	20.00
Income of Departments: Highways, including rental of equipment	45.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	566.07	350.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Tax—Regular @ \$2	248.00	248.00
Total Revenues from all sources		
Except Property Taxes	1,174.43	836.36
*Amt. to be raised by Property Taxes	20,393.21	20,303.17
Total Revenues	\$21,567.64	\$21,139.53

* Total estimated "Revenues from All sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual 1948	Estimated 1949
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Town Officers' Expenses	393.78	400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	152.04	50.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	96.50	150.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	88.09	50.00
Fire Department	462.96	1,200.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	200.00	400.00
Health:		
Health Dept., including hospitals		800.00
Vital Statistics	2.25	2.25
Town Dump		100.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance: Summer	5,040.58	4,000.00
Winter	4,949.94	2,500.00
Town Road Aid	341.54	343.28
Libraries	90.00	30.00
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	501.92	600.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	15.00	15.00
Recreation:		
Old Home Day	100.00	
Unclassified:		
Refunds	19.40	
Auto Permits	71.00	70.00

Advertising and Regional Associations	26.00	98.00
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans	171.40	125.00
Highways and Bridges:		
New Equipment	1,000.00	
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
Deficit of Previous Year		\$1,000.00
Payments to Other		
Governmental Divisions:		
County Taxes	1,695.24	1,750.00
School Taxes	5,500.00	6,806.00
Total Expenditures	\$21,567.64	\$21,139.53

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

INVENTORY

Land and Buildings	\$671,515.00
Growing Wood and Timber	12,300.00
Electric Plants	20,840.00
Horses, 9	735.00
Oxen, 4	550.00
Cows, 49	6,095.00
Other Neat Stock, 6	575.00
Sheep and Goats, 10	100.00
Fowl, 80	70.00
Vehicles, 1	800.00
Portable Mills, 3	4,800.00
Boats and Launches, 2	1,000.00
Wood, lumber	5,000.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	425.00
Stock in Trade	5,025.00
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Total Valuation	\$729,830.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	9,100.00
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	\$720,730.00
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Taxes Committed to Collector	19,635.90
Added Taxes	468.07
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	\$20,103.97

Average rate percent of taxation for all purposes 2.69

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

Title of Account	Liabilities Forwarded From 1947	Appropriations 1948	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Balances Unexpended	Balances Overdrawn	Assets Forwarded to 1949	Liabilities Forwarded to 1949
Town Officer's Salaries	\$	\$ 1,300.00	\$	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 721.00)	\$ 42.35		\$	\$
Town Officers' Expenses					384.61)				
Election & Registration					152.04)				
Town Hall & Buildings		300.00		300.00	96.50	203.50			
Police Department					88.09		88.09		
Fire Department & Forest Fires		75.00	5.05	80.05	462.96		382.91		
Blister Rust		200.00		200.00	200.00				
Bounties					55.00				
Health Department—Dump		100.00		100.00				55.00	100.00
Vital Statistics					2.25		2.25		
Town Road Aid		341.54		341.54	341.54				

Comparative Balance Sheets

ASSETS

	December 31, 1947	December 31, 1948
Cash Balance,		
Treasurer	\$ 1,335.63	\$ 3,088.53
Tax Collector	30.97	36.32
Bounties Due		
From State	62.00	55.00
<i>Uncollected Taxes</i>		
Tax Levy of 1948		3,980.79
Tax Levy of 1947	3,180.12	
Tax Levy of 1946	10.00	
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Total Assets	4,618.72	7,160.64
Net Debt	782.39	1,112.38
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Total Assets & Net Debt	\$5,401.11	\$ 8,273.02

LIABILITIES

Tax Anticipation Notes Payable

New Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	
General	1,000.00	\$ 4,500.00

Unexpended Appropriations

Town Dump		100.00
Clearing Trees	76.01	

Due School District

Appropriation	3,136.10	3,403.19
Dog Licenses	90.00	173.83

Due State of New Hampshire

Special Poll Taxes		
Collected	96.00	96.00
Due Town Clerk	3.00	

Total Liabilities	5,401.11	\$ 8,273.02
Net Debt—12-31-48	\$1,112.38	
Net Debt—12-31-47	782.39	
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Increase in Net Debt	\$ 329.99	

Summary of Town Clerk's Accounts **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued

1946-47 Nos. 12265-12269	\$	12.65	
1947-48 Nos. 15651-15787		553.42	
		<u> </u>	\$ 566.07

Dog Licenses Issued

Males, 41 at \$2.00	\$	82.00	
Females, 4 at \$5.00		20.00	102.00
		<u> </u>	
Less: 45 Fees at \$.20		9.00	
		<u> </u>	93.00
Total			<u> </u> \$ 659.07

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer

a/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$	566.07	
a/c Dog Licenses		93.00	
		<u> </u>	
Total			\$ 659.07

**Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and
Proof of Treasurer's Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

Balance on Hand—

December 31, 1947	\$ 1,335.63	
Receipts During Year	35,493.94	
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Expenditures During Year		33,741.04
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Cash Book Balance—December 31, 1948		\$ 3,088.53

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in The First National Bank of Bristol as per Statement of December 30, 1948	\$ 4,723.07	
Less: Checks Outstanding	2,895.24	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,827.83
Add: Deposit of January 4, 1949	1,033.96	
Cash in Hands of Treasurer February 4, 1949	226.74	
	<hr/>	1,260.70
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Cash Book Balance—December 31, 1948		\$ 3,088.53

Edward G. Mellus—Tax Collector
Tax Levy of 1946
Summary of Warrant
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

DEBITS				
	Total	Property	Polls	Interest
Cash on Hand—				
December 31, 1947 \$	26.32 \$	25.87 \$		\$.45
Uncollected Taxes—				
December 31, 1947	10.00		10.00	
Total	\$ 36.32 \$	25.87 \$	10.00 \$.45
CREDITS				
Remittances to Treas.	—	—	—	—
Cash on Hand—				
December 31, 1948 \$	36.32 \$	25.87 \$	10.00 \$.45
Total	\$ 36.32 \$	25.87 \$	10.00 \$.45

Edward G. Mellus—Tax Collector
Tax Levy of 1947
Summary of Warrant
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

DEBITS

	Total	Property	Polls	Interest
Uncollected Taxes—				
December 31, 1947	\$ 3,180.12	\$ 3,116.12	\$ 64.00	\$
Interest Collected	97.72			97.72
Total	<u>\$ 3,277.84</u>	<u>\$ 3,116.12</u>	<u>\$ 64.00</u>	<u>\$ 97.72</u>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treas.	\$ 3,246.12	\$ 3,084.40	\$ 64.00	\$ 97.72
Abatements Allowed	31.72	31.72		
Total	<u>\$ 3,277.84</u>	<u>\$ 3,116.12</u>	<u>\$ 64.00</u>	<u>\$ 97.72</u>

Edward G. Mellus—Tax Collector
Tax Levy of 1948
Summary of Warrant
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

DEBITS

	Total	Property	Polls
Taxes Committed to Collector	\$19,635.90	\$19,387.90	\$ 248.00
Added Taxes During 1948	468.07	468.07	
Total	\$20,103.97	\$19,855.97	\$ 248.00

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	\$15,745.55	\$15,547.55	\$ 198.00
Abatements	377.63	371.63	6.00
Uncollected Taxes, Dec., 31, 1948	3,980.79	3,936.79	44.00
Total	\$20,103.97	\$19,855.97	\$ 248.00

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue: Local Taxes:

Tax Levy of 1948:		
Property Taxes	\$15,547.55	
Poll Taxes	198.00	
	<hr/>	\$15,745.55

Tax Levy of 1947:

Property Taxes	\$ 3,084.40	
Poll Taxes	64.00	
Interest	97.72	
	<hr/>	3,246.12

Tax Levy of 1945:

Property Taxes	4.65	
	<hr/>	\$18,996.32

State of New Hampshire

Interest & Dividend Tax	\$ 93.87	
Railroad Tax	.11	
Savings Bank Tax	123.66	
Bounties	62.00	
Forest Fire	5.05	
Highway a/c	45.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 329.69

Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$ 93.00	
Registration of Motor Vehicles	566.07	
Income From Departments:		
Highway Department	8.86	
	<hr/>	667.93

Total Current Revenue Receipts	<hr/>	\$19,993.94
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Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans	<hr/>	15,500.00
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Total Receipts from all Sources	<hr/>	\$35,493.94
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1947		1,335.63

Grand Total	<hr/>	\$36,829.57
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Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

EXPENDITURES

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government

Town Officers' Salaries	\$	721.00	
Town Officers' Expenses		384.61	
Election & Registration		152.04	
Town Hall & Bldgs.		96.50	
			\$ 1,354.15

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department	\$	88.09	
Fire Department		462.96	
Blister Rust		200.00	
Bounties		55.00	
Damage by Dogs		12.17	
			\$ 818.22

Health

Vital Statistics			2.25
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Highways and Bridges

Town Road Aid		341.54	
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Town Maintenance:

Town Maintenance	\$	5,040.68	
Sand		888.30	
Snow Removal		4,061.64	
Withholding Tax		118.30	10,108.92
			\$10,450.46

Libraries

90.00

Public Welfare

Old Age Assistance			501.92
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Patriotic Purposes

Memorial Day		15.00	
Old Home Day		100.00	
			115.00

Unclassified

Advertising & Regional Associations		26.00	
Refunds:			
Tax Refunds		16.40	
			42.40

Total Current Maintenance Expenses \$13,374.40

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948**

Indebtedness

Temporary Loans	\$13,000.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	171.40	
	<u> </u>	\$13,171.40

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

County Tax	1,695.24	
School District	5,500.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 7,195.24

Total Expenditures for All Purposes	\$33,741.04
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Cash on Hand, December 31, 1948	<u>3,088.53</u>
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Grand Total	\$36,829.57
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Statement of Trust Funds—Principal and Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

Name of Fund	Income Activity				Balance 12-31-48
	Amount of Principal	Balance 12-31-47	Income 1948	Expended 1948	
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Depository at 2%:					
<i>New Hampshire Savings Bank</i>					
Emerson Cemetery Funds	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.85	\$ 12.40	\$ 10.00	\$ 303.25
Old Home Cemetery Fund	500.00	566.63	21.70	18.00	570.33
Whittemore Point Fund	500.00	468.08	19.33	33.63	453.78
<i>Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank</i>					
Webster Cemetery Fund	50.00	22.52	1.48		24.00
Cross Fund	50.87	24.10	2.35		26.45
<i>Amoskeag Savings Bank</i>					
John C. Batchelder Fund	500.00	54.26			54.26
Total	\$ 1,900.87	\$1,436.44	\$ 57.26	\$ 61.63	\$ 1,432.07

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officer's Salaries

Edward G. Mellus Collector	\$ 150.00
Everett E. Atwood, Selectman	112.50
Lee E. Horsman, Selectman	112.50
Hollis L. Pollard, Selectman	175.00
Ina M. Atwood, Treasurer	50.00
Elizabeth Pollard, Clerk	50.00
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	\$ 650.00

Town Officers' Expenses

First National Bank of Bristol	
Bank Charges	\$ 3.42
State Tax Commission, 1947 audit	59.37
Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags and book	9.17
Record Print, Town Reports	119.88
John C. Ray, Town Officers' Bonds	52.50
Charles P. Hardy, Dues Town Clerks Assn.	2.00
Edson Eastman, Supplies	15.54
F. J. Shores, Transfers	14.33
Anna D. Proctor, Transfer names	.30
Assn. of N. H. Assessors, Dues	2.00
Everett Atwood, Expenses	15.00
Ina M. Atwood, Expenses	2.50
Lee E. Horsman, Expenses	21.60
Hollis Pollard, Expenses	32.84
Ida Horner, Dues Tax Coll. Assn.	2.00
Edw. G. Mellus, Expenses	29.33
Elizabeth Pollard, Expenses	12.00
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	\$ 393.78

Jan. 1, 1948 to March 9, 1948
SNOW REMOVAL — Ashley Burbank, Agent

Ashley Burbank, Agent	\$ 307.45
Ashley Burbank, Truck	265.85
Ashley Burbank, telephone	2.20
Alfred Burbank, Labor	292.10
Harold Beckley, Labor	326.92
George Poirrier, Labor	35.25
G. A. Ober & Son, Gasoline & Oil	73.73
Raymond Willoughby, Labor	6.00
Byron Wiser, Labor	42.75
David Dickenson, Labor	6.00
Clifford Titus, Oil	10.30
Del's Garage, Gasoline	2.51
Bartlett & Swett, Gasoline	20.66
Caldon's Service, Repairing Starter and Generator	22.41
Fracher's Hardware	30.66
Raymond Gilpatric, Sand	3.00
John Morgan, Labor	18.00
Pease Motor Sales, Chain tool	5.00
American Express	1.42
C. A. Westberg, Push Rods	29.10
Deming's Garage, Fan belt	1.85
Hollis Pollard, trip to Laconia	2.80
State of N. H., Fuel tax	14.00
Edward Willoughby, Labor	9.00
Cyr's Welding Shop, Rebuilding grousers	140.00
Fred's Auto Service	5.50
Total	\$1,674.46

Election and Registration Expenses

Elmer P. Wiser, 1948 Salary & Expense	\$	30.60
Jane M. Cook, Salary & Expense		42.50
Marietta Gilpatric, Salary & Expense		45.84
Edw. G. Mellus, Moderator		15.00
Elmer P. Wiser, 1947 Salary & Expense		18.10
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	\$	152.04

Town Hall

John C. Ray, Insurance on Hall	\$	68.50
Harold Huckins		10.00
N. H. Elec. Coop.		18.00
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	\$	96.50

Protection of Persons & Property

Police Department

Delmore Bucklin, Salary 1947 Police Officer	\$	25.00
Delmore Bucklin, Salary & Expense 1948 Police Officer		63.09
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	\$	88.09

Fire Department

Everett Atwood, Fire Meeting	\$	10.10
Philip Eastman, Fire Pump		100.00
Everett Atwood, Forest Fire		23.86
Chas. E. Kenney, Bristol Fire Dept.		284.00
State of N. H., Forest Fire Pumps		45.00
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	\$	462.96
State of N. H., Blister Rust	\$	200.00

Jan. 1, 1948 to March 9, 1948

PLOWING SNOW—Lawrence Morrill, Agent

Lawrence Morrill, labor	\$ 107.80
Lawrence Morrill, truck	212.20
Everett Morrill, labor	4.50
Harry Smith, labor	61.50
Ira Morrill, labor	38.70
Bartlett Motor Co., Installing & welding plow	21.00
	6.73
Straightening plow & iron	23.63
Wallace Wattrous, gas for grader	2.70
Delmore Bucklin	
I snow plow iron	1.00
I snow plow iron	1.00
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Total	\$ 482.76

March 9, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948
SNOW REMOVAL—John Jenness, Agent

John L. Jenness, truck & labor	\$ 164.00
Raymond Tucker, truck & labor	18.00
Ashley Burbank, truck & labor	15.00
Zack Brock, labor	35.00
C. R. Proctor, welding	72.85
C. B. Titus, per bills	54.05
C. A. Gould, per bills	41.52
Joe Carroll, labor on tractor & plowing	16.00
Clifton Willoughby, labor	2.00
A. M. Rand	6.20
Western Auto	1.39
Fracher's Hardware	.96
Wilder's Garage	7.60
G. A. Ober & Son	32.30
Harris Brock, labor	8.00
Maurice Jenness, labor	21.00
Lawrence Fogg, labor	5.00
D. A. Bucklin, per bill	3.00
A. M. Flanders, tractor parts	78.69
Willey's Express	1.82
Lyon Iron Works	34.32
Wendell Lougee, truck	52.00
Max L. Jenness	8.00
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Total	\$ 678.70

Jan. 1, 1948 to March 9, 1948
WINTER SAND—Ashley Burbank, Agent

Ashley Burbank, labor	\$ 51.75
Ashley Burbank, truck	53.25
Alfred Burbank, labor	57.75
Harold Beckley, labor	43.50
Total	<hr/> \$ 206.25

Jan. 1, 1948 to March 9, 1948
SANDING—Lawrence Morrill, Agent

Lawrence Morrill, labor	\$	40.50
Lawrence Morrill, truck		39.00
Ira Morrill, labor		34.10
Everett Morrill, labor		22.20
Harry Smith, labor		18.00
Roy Woodward, 27 loads sand @ 15c		4.05
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Total	\$	157.85

March 9, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948
SANDING—John Jenness, Agent

John L. Jenness, truck and labor	\$ 140.00
Wendell Lougee, truck and labor	115.00
Lawrence Fogg, labor	3.00
Maurice Jenness	22.00
Alfred R. Jenness, truck	28.00
Ira Morrill, labor	24.00
Everett Morrill, labor	24.00
Mason Grey, labor	23.00
Roy Woodward, sand	3.00
Ray Gilpatric, sand	20.00
Chase Grain, salt	99.20
Max Jenness, labor	23.00
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Total	\$ 524.20

Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948
Summary of Snow Removal and Sand

Ray Road Equipment, cutting edges, cable, etc.	\$ 175.58
Donald Atwood, trucking tractor	80.00
Charles A. Carr Co., oil account	27.60
Atwood & Forbes, plowing snow	95.00
Murray Machinery Co., parts for Huber	47.04
A. M. Flanders, repairs on plow	635.42
Cyr's Welding Shop, welding plow	145.00
John E. Marsh, tractor insurance	20.08
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Total paid by Selectmen	\$ 1,225.72
Paid Ashley Burbank	1,880.71
Paid Lawrence Morrill	640.61
Paid John Jenness	1,202.90
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Total paid for Snow Removal and Sand	\$ 4,949.94

Summer Roads—Ashley Burbank, Agent

Ashley Burbank, labor	\$ 6.00
George Poirrier, labor	6.00
W. B. Brown, bolts and washers	1.91
T. Vailliant, bolts	1.44
E. E. Atwood, lumber	14.70
A. M. Rand, spikes	.80
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Total	\$ 30.85

SUMMER — WEST SIDE

John L. Jenness, Agent

John L. Jenness, truck	\$ 782.00
Ira Morrill, labor	138.70
Raymond Tucker, truck	18.00
Lawrence Morrill, truck	228.00
Wendell Lougee, truck	34.00
Lawrence Fogg, labor	9.00
Clifton Willoughby, labor	54.20
Harry Smith, labor	5.00
Melvin Gilpatric, transportation	16.00
Bernard Avery, bridge planks	60.00
Roberts Express	12.83
R. P. Cass, labor	4.00
Roy Woodard, sand	13.20
Roy Woodard, tar	18.00
Everett Atwood, plank	8.28
Chase Grain, culverts	71.16
Charles Ross, labor	6.00
Leo Gilpatric	53.40
Max Jenness, labor	211.40
Maurice Jenness, labor	186.00
Mason Grey, labor	16.00
Ray Road Equipment, culverts	79.38
Fracher's	2.30
John Thompson	10.00
Western Auto, generator	10.35
Delmore Bucklin, gas, oil, labor & parts	75.32
Mrs. Morrill, gravel	2.00
Robert Gilpatric, posts	14.40
Rand's	4.78
C. B. Titus	15.35
Reginald Morrill, labor	35.00
Ralph Gilpatric, labor	142.50
G. A. Ober & Son	29.63
Leslie Martin, labor	61.80
Everett Morrill, labor	22.30
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Total West Side	\$ 2,450.28

Summer 1948—East Side
John L. Jenness, Agent

John L. Jenness, truck	\$ 982.00
Everett Morrill, labor	45.80
Ira Morrill, labor	73.70
Wendell Lougee, truck	98.00
F. W. Clement, labor	16.00
Maurice Jenness, labor	248.64
Max Jenness, labor	250.90
Leo Gilpatric, labor	58.44
Clifton Willoughby, labor	150.48
Creighton Grey, labor	8.00
Alfred Jenness, truck	6.00
Ralph Gilpatric, labor	132.80
George Miller, labor	16.00
D. W. Coombs, labor	31.00
Leslie Martin, labor	94.00
Harold Beckley, labor	24.00
G. A. Ober & Son, gas and oil	132.59
New Eng. Culvert Co., culverts	57.60
C. B. Titus	6.60
Fracher's	5.30
Ray Road Equipment, culvert	31.08
Western Auto	3.65
Murry Machine Co., hub cap	.97
Chase Grain, culvert	24.14
J. L. Jenness, gravel	32.40
Beckley's Garage, labor	2.37
Rand's	.60

Total East Side	\$ 2,533.06
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Summary of Summer Roads

Paid John L. Jenness, East Side	\$ 2,533.71
Paid John L. Jenness, West Side	2,450.62

Total paid John Jenness	\$ 4,984.33
Paid John C. Ray, insurance on Huber	25.50
Paid Ashley Burbank	30.85

Total for Summer Roads	\$ 5,040.68
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OLD HOME DAY

Cash on hand, Aug. 1, 1948	\$	49.45
Received from sales committee, Aug. 26		71.31
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	\$	120.76

Payments

Philip Spaulding, tuning piano	\$	7.00
Enterprise Print, printing leaflets and cards		28.50
Plymouth Memorial Hospital		71.31
Cash on hand		13.95
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	\$	120.76

MRS. S. S. FLETCHER,

Treasurer

LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

Cash on hand	\$ 167.38
Received: Tax for 3 years	90.00
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	\$ 257.38

Payments

Jessica A. Watrous, care Turnpike station	\$ 10.00
Edna L. LeBeau, care River Road station	10.00
Josephine H. Fletcher, care Hill station	3.00
Balance on hand	234.38
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	\$ 257.38

JESSICA A. WATROUS,
JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER,
EDNA L. LeBEAU,
Trustees

January, 1948 to January, 1949

Turnpike Station

Town Books	116
Borrowed from Bookmobile	163
Borrowed direct from State Library	24
Loaned	187

River Road Station

Town books	182
Borrowed from Bookmobile	167
Loaned	264

Hill Station

For use	103
Loaned (open 3 mos.)	53

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION**

Concord, New Hampshire

February 17, 1949

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bridgewater for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1948, and, subject to exceptions as noted in the report, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the town, together with the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director

**Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission**

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Your local organization to prevent and extinguish brush and woods fires is glad to report a good year of forest protection in 1948. In spite of danger conditions nearly equalling at times those of 1947 when great losses were suffered in New Hampshire and New England, fire damage and loss this year have been gratifyingly low.

With the continuing cooperation of all the people, we can hope to have another successful year in 1949. Let us remember that in any year, over 90% of all fires are caused by carelessness and that all of these man-caused fires are preventable.

Today, we have more slash and uncut grassland than for many years in the past. Smokers, campers and tourists who use our outdoors are also more numerous than ever before. We must therefore be ready for fires which might occur but, above all, prevention by everyone is the greatest need.

A few simple precautions taken by every citizen will help, as follows:

- (1) Always get a written permit from the warden before kindling a fire outdoors when the ground is not covered with snow.
- (2) If you smoke, always extinguish matches and tobacco before dropping or throwing them down. In automobiles, always use the ash trays.
- (3) Report fires and smokes to the warden without delay.

The observance of these and other simple rules will go far to insure safety from fire damage and your cooperation in this way is earnestly solicited.

1948 Fire Record—Town of Bridgewater

Number of fires	1
Acreage burned	one-half acre
Number of Fire permits issued	12

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT E. ATWOOD,

Forest Fire Warden

George F. Richardson, Jr.
District Fire Chief

School Report

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Bridgewater, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said district on the 8th day of March, 1949, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bridgewater this
10th day of February, 1949.

DAVID B. DICKINSON,
BERTRAM L. FORBES,
ELIZABETH P. POLLARD,
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

DAVID B. DICKINSON,
BERTRAM L. FORBES,
ELIZABETH P. POLLARD,
School Board

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL DIRECTORY

District Officers

Edward G. Mellus	Moderator
Alice Dickinson	Treasurer
Evelyn Gale	Clerk
Edward G. Mellus	Auditor

School Board

David Dickinson	Term expires 1949
Bertram Forbes	Term expires 1950
Elizabeth Pollard	Term expires 1951

Teacher

Mrs. Winona Brown	River Road
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Attendance Officer

Mrs. Clara Jenness

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Mrs. Phyllis Robertson, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1949-50

Open	Sept. 6
Close	Dec. 23
Open	Jan. 3
Close	Feb. 17
Open	Feb. 27
Close	Apr. 14
Open	Apr. 24
Close	June 15

Days out: Plymouth Fair; Oct. 12; Nov. 24, 25; May 30. Single sessions Nov. 23, Dec. 23.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including 3 for institutes and conventions, and up to 5 for workshops.

Pupils may enter the first grade provided they are 6 before January 1.

Vaccination is required by State law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

FINANCIAL REPORT
of
School Treasurer & School Board
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1948

Treasurer's Report

Summary:

Cash on hand June 30, 1947	\$ 144.74
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	4,800.00
Received from State Treasurer, State Aid	365.79
Received from all other sources	26.05
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$ 5,336.58
Less School Board Order Paid	5,259.19
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Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1948	\$ 77.39

ALICE B. DICKINSON,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statement and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Bridgewater, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 and find them correct in all respects.

EDWARD G. MELLUS,
Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Receipts:

From Selectmen, Appropriation	\$ 4,800.00
From State Treasurer, State Aid	365.79
From all other sources	26.05
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Total Receipts	\$ 5,191.84
Cash on hand June 30, 1947	144.74
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Grand Total	\$ 5,336.58

Detailed Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:

Elizabeth Pollard, school board salary	\$ 40.00	
David Dickinson, school board salary	25.00	
Bertram Forbes, school board salary	25.00	
Alice B. Dickinson, treasurer's salary	15.00	
Edward Mellus, auditor	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 108.00

Superintendent's Salary:

Mrs. Estelle Greenwood, Treas. Supt. Union No. 4	124.70
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Truant Officer & School Census:

Clara B. Jenness	15.00
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Expenses of Administration:

Musgrove Printing House, printing, notices	11.10	
Meredith News, notices	4.20	
David Dickinson, expenses	.60	
Elizabeth Pollard, expenses	6.60	
Alice B. Dickinson, expenses	2.56	
First National Bank, service charges	4.84	
Supervisory Union No. 4, per teacher tax, clerk's salary	50.00	
John C. Ray, Treasurer's bond	5.00	
The Record Print, school reports	35.87	
Bertram Forbes, mileage to Canaan	5.88	
	<hr/>	\$ 126.65

Teacher's Salary:

Carrie Tibbetts	\$ 1,508.80	
Teachers' Retirement Board	68.00	
Collector of Internal Revenue	123.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,700.00

Text Books:

Houghton Mifflin Co.	\$	19.21	
American Book Co.		.89	
American Education Press, Inc.		5.80	
Row, Peterson & Co.		.99	
Charles E. Merrill Co., Inc.		2.59	
Ginn & Co.		7.38	
The Grolier Society, Inc.		6.08	
Allyn & Bacon		6.54	
		<hr/>	\$ 49.48

Scholars' Supplies:

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$	21.39	
Bristol School District		2.35	
Houghton Mifflin Co.		.45	
Supervisory Union No. 4, tests		3.64	
		<hr/>	\$ 27.83

Other Expenses of Instruction:

Stephen Childs, music supervisor	\$	96.00	
Teachers' Retirement Board		4.00	
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Janitor Service:

Carrie Tibbetts	\$	25.00
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Fuel:

Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	\$	244.62
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Water, Light & Janitor Supplies:

Oliver Lapointe, draining septic tank	\$	9.57	
Edward E. Babb Co., supplies		8.15	
White River Paper Co., supplies		19.70	
		<hr/>	\$ 37.42

Minor Repairs and Expenses:

Stephen Childs, tuning piano	\$	3.50
Farmers' Grain Store, one window		7.11
David Dickinson, expenses		1.25

William Timson, gravel	6.30		
Cascade Paper Co., flagstaff holder	.88		
Paul Torsey, trucking desks	4.00		
Albert Blake, filter changes	9.63		
	<hr/>	\$	32.67
Medical Inspection:			
Anna Lovett, R.N.	\$ 44.45		
Teachers' Retirement	1.85		
	<hr/>	\$	46.30
Transportation of Pupils:			
John Jenness	\$ 1,204.00		
Mabel Huckins	561.44		
	<hr/>	\$	1,765.44
High School Tuition:			
Plymouth School District	\$ 431.14		
Ashland School District	42.94		
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Elementary School Tuition:			
Bristol School District			200.00
Insurance & Other Fixed Charges:			
John C. Ray, insurance	\$ 30.00		
Supervisory Union No. 4, Sup't. retirement	8.00		
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Per Capita Tax:			
F. Gordon Kimball, Treas.			44.00
Alterations of Old Buildings:			
Albert Blake, final payment on oil burner			100.00
Total Expenses		\$	<hr/> 4,785.11

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

DAVID DICKINSON,
BERTRAM FORBES,
ELIZABETH POLLARD,

School Board

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Bridgewater, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWARD G. MELLUS,
Auditor

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

	1947-48 Budget	1947-48 Spent	1948-49 Budget	1949-50 Estimate
Salaries of district officers	\$ 111.00	\$ 115.50	\$ 77.50	\$ 80.50
Superintendent's salary	120.00	124.70	150.00	170.00
Truant Officer and Census	7.50	7.50	15.00	15.00
Expenses of administration	100.00	126.65	105.00	105.00
Teachers' salaries	1,800.00	1,700.00	1,900.00	2,000.00
Text Books	40.00	49.48	40.00	40.00
Scholars' supplies	60.00	27.83	75.00	75.00
Other expenses of instruction	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Janitor service	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Fuel	200.00	244.62	225.00	225.00
Water, light & Janitor supplies	35.00	37.42	100.00	75.00
Minor repairs & expenses	50.00	32.67	125.00	75.00
Medical supervision	60.00	46.30	60.00	75.00
Transportation of pupils	1,512.00	1,765.44	1,850.00	2,000.00
High School Tuition	680.00	474.08	450.00	1,600.00
Elementary school tuition	260.00	200.00	300.00	320.00
Other special activities	5.00		5.00	5.00
Per Capita Tax	44.00	44.00	68.00	52.00
Insurance and other fixed charges	114.00	38.00	85.00	30.00
Teacher, Nurse, Supt., retirement			96.38	108.50
Alteration of buildings		100.00		
New equipment	10.00		20.00	20.00
Totals	\$ 5,333.50	\$ 5,259.19	\$ 5,871.88	\$ 7,196.00

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1949-50

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teacher's Salaries	\$ 2,000.00	
Text Books	40.00	
Scholars' Supplies	75.00	
Other Expenses of Instruction	100.00	
Janitor Service	25.00	
Fuel	225.00	
Water, Light & Janitor Supplies	75.00	
Minor Repairs & Expenses	75.00	
Medical Supervision	75.00	
Transportation of Pupils	2,000.00	
Payment of Elementary Tuitions	320.00	
Other Special Activities	5.00	
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		\$ 5,015.00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 80.50	
Truant Officer & School Census	15.00	
Payment of High School		
Tuitions	1,600.00	
Superintendent's Salary	170.00	
Per Capita Tax	52.00	
Other Obligations	263.50	
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		\$ 2,181.00

Total Amount Required to Meet	
School Board's Budget	\$ 7,196.00

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1949	\$	300.00
Dog Tax		90.00
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Deduct Estimated Income	\$	390.00
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Assessment Required to Balance		
School Board's Budget	\$	6,806.00

DAVID DICKINSON,
BERTRAM FORBES,
ELIZABETH POLLARD,
School Board

GENERAL STATISTICS

Enrollment by Grades

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1947-48	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	0	14
1948-49	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	13

District Totals

	Av. Attend.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
1947-48	12.68	.74	13.42	94.49
1948-49	13.7	.2	13.9	98.5

Tuition Pupils

Bristol Elementary—Rate \$50.00

Elizabeth Miller	Grade 1
Paul Morrill	2
Marcia Jane Fowler	3
Robert Cook	6
Nancy Brock	8
Shirley Brock	8

Plymouth High School—Rate \$130.00

John Foster	9
Roger Kramer	10
Elizabeth Forbes	11
Leo Gilpatric	11
Maurice Jenness	12

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1948-1949

Teacher Training. During the past two years considerable work has been done by the teachers to improve their teaching. Two elementary workshops under the supervision of the State Board of Education have been held. One of these was in the field of social studies and the last one on art. These were very well conducted by the state staffs and the response of the teachers was very fine. The first one of these "broke the ice" and the desire of the teachers to do more for their pupils then took the form of taking extension courses during the winter, and summer courses later, and again this winter by more extension courses with teachers in Canaan traveling to Tilton once a week to attend a course sponsored by Plymouth Teachers' College. It has been impossible for all teachers to take summer or extension courses because of varying circumstances but the general response has been encouraging. It is hoped that this trend will continue and increase in participation as the good results are discussed by teachers themselves. Bridgewater and Danbury school boards have paid part of the costs of summer sessions. This is an increasing tendency particularly where no salary schedule exists which often makes salary increases based in part on extra study. Bristol joined with Tilton and Belmont in a high school workshop which was most challenging and thought provoking but was of such a nature that time is needed to properly evaluate the content and to make haste slowly in curriculum revision and methods of teaching. The greatest value of all of these devices has been to renew the individual's desire to learn more about teaching and youngsters so that each pupil may be better taught. It might not be wrong here to point out that the higher level of pay of teachers may be in part a contributing factor of self-improvement.

Critical Shortage of Elementary Teachers. Much has been written on local, state, and national levels on the critical shortage of elementary teachers. It is not a

local problem but a national one due to become more acute as the pre-school youngsters pour into the elementary schools requiring many more teachers in this field. To be perfectly frank about the whole thing anyone belittling this situation is ill informed to say the least. Often there are good teachers living in an area who will or can not teach for one reason or another. For all practical purposes they don't exist. There are always some on the spring lists of teachers who are looking for a job every year. Perhaps the best indication of the shortage is the fact that a city superintendent will write in to a teachers' college and offer to take sight unseen the whole graduating class. It is my firm belief that teachers well qualified with either successful teaching experience or bright prospects of the same will remain in critical supply for 10-15 years at least, and this in spite of the fact that school men throughout the nation are devoting much thought and time to easing the situation.

Increasing Costs. A 10% increase in costs of supplies, books, etc., seems to be the general opinion. This might well include fuel, telephone rates, etc. It is difficult to see how these costs will drop and level off in the near future. Structural costs are out of sight and will remain there as long as defense and housing demands remain as much in demand as at present. Departments of Labor cost of living indexes show about 16% rise in the last two years with only slight drops in some items during the past few months.

The Tax Burden. The property tax still bears the heavy part of all costs on the local levels including school and town expenses. In spite of conservative evaluations the property tax is a major item, and is bearing a load all out of proportion to its capacity. New Hampshire tax laws need careful study and revision to not only relieve the property tax but to absorb increased costs of items over which we locally have no control. When we see and hear the need of new buildings, when we know that there will literally be millions more in our schools soon we begin to raise our eyebrows less at the thought of more state and fed-

eral aid, both branches of government having sources of tax monies not taxable at the local level. The consumer will pay in the end but all people do not consume the same things, and much wealth in the U. S. may be found which is not real estate. The tax problem will be one we should all follow in the legislature which will be in session by the time this is in print.

Tuition Charges. There seems to be a general misunderstanding of tuition charges and since all towns are either on the receiving or paying end of this proposition it would seem well to explain some phases of this. A school district may charge a high school tuition up to its average cost of instruction provided this cost is lower than the state average. In case its costs are greater it may charge the state average. In figuring the costs either locally or on the state level four items in the budget are counted: 1) Teachers' Salaries; 2) Text Books; 3) Scholars' Supplies; 4) Other Expenses of Instruction. The total of these costs divided by the average membership for the same year gives the cost of instruction. In past years most places have charged a figure well under this. However, with increasing costs in these items there is a strong trend throughout the state to charge the actual amount spent especially now that state aid is mostly based on equalized evaluation of property. Obviously there are other costs such as heat, lights, janitor service, minor repairs and expenses, other special activities, insurance, new equipment and alterations of old buildings, which are a part of overall costs. On a contractual basis a school district might charge another district a per pupil charge for these items. Few districts do so however. It should be pointed out that this era may be slowly drawing to a close especially where new building construction is contemplated either to take care of increased enrollments, or to offer a better educational program. Building costs are so prohibitive that few, if any, of the districts maintaining high schools can build on any basis other than charging a rate to cover everything including capital improvements and interest, or on a cooperative basis with other towns taking advantage of present or future laws.

State Legislation. There will be bills introduced in the general court which will have far reaching effects in N. H. whether or not they become laws. At this point all we can do is suggest that they get our best study and considered action. This is our legislature and "We Are The People."

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY, Supt.

